



August 14, 2015

Mayor Donald D. Lyons  
City Council Members

Dear Mayor Lyons and City Council Members:

The following report has been prepared to provide you with an update on current issues or projects in progress:

Upcoming Meetings: none

**Russom Park Dedication September 12**

Mark your calendars for Saturday, September 12, and celebrate the dedication of Russom Park hosted by the Russom Park Committee, Silver Creek Township, and the City of Dowagiac.

As you may recall, the Department of Natural Resources Trust Fund Grant is a cooperative effort between Silver Creek Township and the City of Dowagiac to



bring recreational opportunities for children and walking/biking trails for all. We are very pleased to be able to dedicate this park to our community and thank you for your support of this important project!



**East Railroad Street Paving Project**

The City has received final grant documents in preparation for the East Railroad street paving project. MDOT's grant contract will assist with \$60,000 for the project on East Railroad from Telegraph to Prairie Ronde street.

### **Dowagiac Area History Museum update**

Museum Director Steve Arseneau and volunteers have made progress with exhibit installation and more artifacts



have been brought to the Dowagiac Area History Museum.

One new, little-known, story that will be highlighted in a new exhibit is that of the AMIGO tractor, which was manufactured near the Round Oak complex

in the 1960s. The museum has the patent model tractor made in 1960 on loan for the exhibit.



### **City Council Quarterly Workshop**

A reminder to Council members, the quarterly update and workshop will be Friday, August 28. The workshop will begin at 8:30 am in the fire department conference room.

### **Focus on Dowagiac Photo Contest**

Entries in the first Focus on Dowagiac, photo contest have been submitted. The first of four contests focus on public parks. Voting is now open to the public on the City's Facebook page – vote now.

[https://www.facebook.com/dowagiacmichigan/app\\_167200180055017](https://www.facebook.com/dowagiacmichigan/app_167200180055017)

### **Beckwith Park Free Concert Series**

Rain can never stop the music. A rain date extends the free summer concerts one more week.

Catch *The Out of Favor Boys* when they return to Dowagiac on Thursday, August 20, for a 7:30 pm concert.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kevin P. Anderson".

Kevin P. Anderson  
City Manager